

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

**RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE RHODE ISLAND
 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SUPPORTING A BAN ON THE MISUSE OF
 ANTIBIOTICS ON ANIMALS THAT ARE NOT SICK**

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, eighty percent of the antibiotics sold in the United States are used in livestock production, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that most of those antibiotics are used irresponsibly; and

WHEREAS, low doses of antibiotics are routinely fed to livestock for disease prevention to compensate for crowded, unsanitary conditions, in a practice known as “nontherapeutic use”; and

WHEREAS, “nontherapeutic use” creates ideal conditions for the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistant bacteria on livestock operations are known to spread to retail meat, farmers and farmworkers, and rural environments; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance in pathogens due to nontherapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock production has been a public health concern since the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistant bacteria have been the cause of several foodborne illness outbreaks, including a 2011 outbreak of antibiotic resistant Salmonella in ground turkey that sickened 136 people, hospitalized 37, and killed one and led to the third largest meat recall in the USDA’s records and a 2013 outbreak of antibiotic resistant Salmonella in chicken that sickened 416 people and hospitalized 162;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that at least two million Americans suffer from antibiotic resistant bacterial infections each year and twenty-three

1 thousand Americans die from those infections; and

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3 WHEREAS, the medical and social costs of antibiotic-resistance infections in just one
4 hospital for one year have been estimated to be between \$13 million and \$18 million; and

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6 WHEREAS, the federal government has limited nontherapeutic uses of two classes of
7 antibiotics, but otherwise largely relied on voluntary guidance to attempt to reduce over use of
8 antibiotics in livestock production, despite regular acknowledgements that nontherapeutic use and
9 the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria poses a significant public health threat.

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11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Warwick City Council supports a statewide and
12 national ban on nontherapeutic uses of antibiotics in livestock production; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Warwick City Council supports the Preservation of
15 Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (PAMTA)/Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act (PARA); and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warwick City Council will send this Resolution to our State
18 Representatives, Congressional Representatives and U.S. Senators calling for a ban on the
19 nontherapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock agriculture and for them to co-sponsor the
20 PAMTA/PARA.

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22 The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the State Senators
23 and Representatives from the City of Warwick and to the United States Senators and
24 Representatives.

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26 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.
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32 SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT TRAVIS

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34 COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY